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The Council met again in the Legislative Chamber at eleven of the Clock, *Sachivottama* Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K. C. I. E., LL. D, Dewan—President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Sub-Division of survey numbers by Pakuthi authorities.

11. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** † (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether, when part of a plot bearing a survey number is sold by the pattadar to a stranger, the pakuthi authorities sub-divide such part ;

(*b*) what is the time taken for such sub-division ;

(*c*) is the sub-division by the pakuthi authorities effected after visiting the property or the same is effected in the survey plan in the pakuthi office ; and

(*d*) whether any notice is given to the vendor or purchaser before effecting the sub-division ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : (*a*) No sub-division by actual survey is made by the pakuthi authorities, but they prepare only a rough sketch showing the position and area of the sub-division and submit it along with the A form statement in Pokkuvaravu cases. Actual sub-division is effected by the Revenue Supervisor on the application of the parties concerned and after remittance of the prescribed fees.

† The member was absent on the day.

(*b*) The A form with the rough sketch has to be prepared and submitted by the pakuthi officers within two weeks.

(*c*) The rough sketch is prepared in the pakuthi office.

(*d*) No notice is given in the preparation of the rough sketch. But notice is given while sub-division survey is effected by the Revenue Supervisor.

Clients' records produced in civil cases.

12 * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether clients' records in paper produced in civil cases are not being destroyed at the end of every three years from the date of decision of cases in which they are produced;

(*b*) whether old records in paper are not being destroyed by other offices occasionally;

(*c*) what amount of such papers are being destroyed every year in civil courts and other public offices;

(*d*) whether such used papers could not be converted into fresh papers by proper processes by paper mills;

(*e*) what will be the cost involved in converting a ton of used paper into fresh paper; and

(*f*) whether such a process of reconversion is going on as regards any of the papers of any office in this State?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): (*a*) The records are destroyed as per Rules 399 to 405 of the Civil Courts' Guide.

(*b*) Yes, in accordance with Destruction of Records Act II of 1098.

(*c*) No definite information is available.

(*d*) Such papers may be mixed with other pulp for the manufacture of paper. By themselves, they do not give good quality pulp.

(*e*) Since it is seldom that these papers are treated as such for conversion, it will be very difficult to obtain the required information from the mills.

(*f*) The Punalur Paper Mills purchase waste paper from Government offices for mixing with their pulp.

Closing of accounts by the Public Works Department.

13. * **Mr. Kallur Narayana Pillai** (*Mavelikara. Tiruvella cum Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Public Works Department takes several years to close accounts for works done and consequently cause considerable loss and worry to the contractors?

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